SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1345

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, Kenney, Takko, Sells, Jarrett, Roberts, Ericks, Haler, Williams, Moeller, Appleton, Morrell, McCoy, Dunn, Kagi, McDermott, Santos and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 03/07/05.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility for state financial aid for part-
- 2 time students; amending RCW 28B.92.080; and creating new sections.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that due in part to the high cost of attending college, a significant number of students attend higher education part time. The legislature further finds that more than one-quarter of students cannot qualify for financial aid due solely to their part-time status. Therefore, the legislature intends to expand eligibility for the state need grant to include some students who are enrolled on less than a half-time basis.
- 11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.92.080 and 2004 c 275 s 39 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
- For a student to be eligible for a state need grant a student must:
- (1) Be a "needy student" or "disadvantaged student" as determined
- by the board in accordance with RCW 28B.92.030 (3) and (4).
- 16 (2) Have been domiciled within the state of Washington for at least 17 one year.

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(3) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment ((on at least a half-time basis)) for at least four credit hours per quarter, or the semester or clock-hour equivalent as determined by the board, at an institution of higher education in Washington as defined in RCW 28B.92.030(1).

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- 6 (4) Have complied with all the rules and regulations adopted by the 7 board for the administration of this chapter.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2005, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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